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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
 JANUARY 20, 2010 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Shelly Dein, Deanne Dupont, Elizabeth Karpati, Satish Katpally, Shannon Koenig, David Landskov, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Brucie Moulton, Lisa Weil.

• Facilitator: Satish Katpally Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: Thurs. Feb. 18, Wed. March 17, Thurs. April 22, Wed. May 19, Thurs. June 17, Tues. July 20, Wed. Aug. 18, Thurs. Sept. 23, Wed. Oct. 20, Thurs. Nov. 18, Wed. Dec. 15. All 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

- Charlotte presented the Infrastructure Subcommittee's proposal for restructuring SA with a steering committee and subcommittees. The proposal has been e-mailed to the SA list for comments and will be on the agenda of the February meeting. Under the proposal, elections for leadership positions will be held in three months; members should be thinking about the positions they want to fill.
- Gail has talked to the Town's Planning Dept., legal counsel and Selectman Clarissa Rowe about bus shelters. All are in favor, and so is the East Arlington Livable Streets group. If a public hearing is held, SA members should turn out in support. Signatures were collected at this meeting to get a warrant article for bus shelters on the Town Meeting agenda.
- The Selectmen are planning to present a warrant article to adopt the Stretch Code, which is one of the requirements for qualifying as a Green Community under the G.C. Act.
- MCAN has a budget shortfall and is hoping to get some stimulus money to use for the CoolMass campaign and some donations.
- SA got a grant for the Energy Solutions fair and has submitted the necessary report. About \$80 left from the fair is being held for us by Vision 2020.
- The Website Committee reports that not all members have signed on yet and they should do so. Committees could communicate via a forum on the website instead of by e-mail.
- Gail and Shannon reported attending a meeting of the Recycling Committee, which wants to cooperate with SA. It is planning two events in May: (1) EcoFest on May 2, which we could co-sponsor and have a table; (2) Community collection day, which we can help publicize. SA should have regular representation at Recycling Committee meetings.
- More suggestions for the February agenda: (1) Inviting DPW Director John Bean for a presentation on Pay As You Throw. (2) Creation of a calendar of events relevant for SA.